THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Both IDPL and UPDPL are sick companies under reference to the Board for Industrial nd Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). A revivaVrestructuring scheme has to be accordingly framed and approved by the BIFR. In the case of IDPL, a communication has been sent to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction intimating the concessions-facilities for cleaning up the balance sheet of IDPL that the Government intends to provide to facilitate its privatisation through the induction of strategic partners.

(c) and (d) Relieftoncessions to be extended for the revival of sick PSUs are decided taking into account the relevant factors in each case.

Prices of chemical fertilizers in international market

†645. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international prices of chemical fertilizers are less than the prices in India;

(b) if so, what were prices of all the chemical fertilizers in the international market during the first six months of 1999-2000 and 2000-01; and

(c) to what extent these prices were more or less than the prices of chemical fertilizers sold to farmers in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Out of the major chemical fertilizers used for

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agricultural production, Urea and Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) are manufactured in the country while Muriate of Potash (MOP) is entirely imported as there are no commercially exploitable reserves of this fertilizer in the country. The weighted average cost of production of urea and DAP has generally been higher in the country as compared to imported urea and DAP respectively.

(b) and (c) The prices of urea, DAP and MOP in the international mareket are determined by many factors, *inter alia,* source of imports, demand and supply position. The comparative position of the delivered price of Urea, DAP and MOP from the international market in the first six months of 1999-2000 and 2000-01 and the Maximum Retail Price (MRPs) at which these fertilizers were sold to the farmers in the country is as under:

Product	Average delivered price of imported fertilizers during 6 months (Rs./MT)		Maximum Retail Price (MRP) (Rs./MT) the first	
	1999-2000	2000-2001	1999-2000	2000-2001
UREA	5025	7195	4000	4600
DAP	10622	9917	8300	8900
MOP	6657	6889	3700	4255